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Bedell Smith Report Denied

The report that Gen. Walter Bedell Smith has taken a new job as special assistant to President Eisenhower on foreign affairs "is not true," James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, said today.

Mr. Hagerty referred to an article in a New York paper this morning reporting that Gen. Smith, a former Under Secretary of State, had already accepted the foreign policy advisership and had seen the President yesterday. A Washington paper reported yesterday that Gen. Smith had been asked to take the post.

"As a matter of fact," Mr. Hagerty added, "Gen. Smith did not see the President yesterday. He had lunch with Gov. (Sherman) Adams (presidential assistant) as he does frequently."

Asked if Gen. Smith had talked with Mr. Adams about some other job in the administration, perhaps Secretary of State in view of John Foster Dulles' cancer operation last Saturday, Mr. Hagerty said there had been "no discussion on that at all."